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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>RECEIVED</i>	Application Number	09/664,465
<i>RECEIVED</i>	Filing Date	September 18, 2000
<i>RECEIVED</i>	First Named Inventor	Michael Greiner et al
<i>RECEIVED</i>	Group Art Unit	1761
<i>RECEIVED</i>	Examiner Name	G. Yeung
<i>RECEIVED</i>	Attorney Docket Number	P00,1757 01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed **05/05/2003 MGBREM1 00000097 09664465**
- i. Preliminary Amendment 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
 02 FC:1252 410.00 OP
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement - References, Form 1449
- iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501519.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - **Two Month \$410.00**
- iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$1160.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO 2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature Brett A. Valiquet Date May 29, 2003 Date 27841

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